

Remarks/Arguments:

Summary of Changes Made

By this Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to update the status of the priority application. No claims have been amended, canceled or added. No new matter has been added to the application. Claims 1-20 are pending.

Specification

In the prior Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification on grounds that the information regarding the status of the priority application should be updated. As noted above, by this Amendment the specification has been updated to include the current status of the priority application. Reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

Double-Patenting

In the prior Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,708,743. To obviate this rejection, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 has been filed.

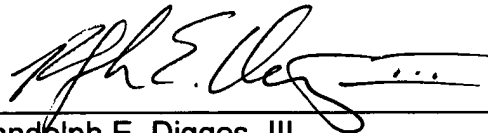
Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is

invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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